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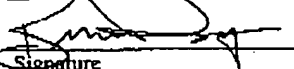
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed, September 14, 2005 in which a three-month period for response expired on December 14, 2005. After granting the Request for a one-month extension of time, the response period will expire on January 14, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,



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